

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 7/1/2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-32.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 26 June 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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* Certified copies not received: _____.

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

DETAILED ACTION

Supplemental Amendment

The supplemental amendment to the reply filed 4/26/2004 was received 7/1/2004, containing a final version of the reissue claims and a new oath/declaration clearly stating and setting forth the errors identified by the applicant that are being corrected in the reissue application.

Oath/Declaration

The new oath/declaration filed 7/1/2004 is acceptable. It clearly sets forth and identifies the errors in the original patent that necessitated the filing of the reissue application. The applicant has identified the errors in the original patent claims 1 and 16 along with the errors that justify the additional independent claims 23-26.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-32 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons claims 1-32 are considered to be patentable:

As per claims 1-22, 25 and 26, as noted in Paper Nos. 20 (see page 3) and 16 (see page 5), the reissue claims include the precise key limitations argued in the original application to define the claims over the prior art, therefore there is no recapture. Specifically, the reissue claims include the limitation that the system determines the likelihood of a collision.

Newly added claims 27-32 serve to further define the invention of claims 1 and 16 over the prior art.


As per claims 23 and 24, the reissue claims contain substitute limitations that are related to, but narrower than the key limitations argued in the original application to define the claims over the prior art, therefore there is no recapture. Specifically, the limitation that the system determines the likelihood of a collision is the key limitation, but it is narrower in the respect that it is being applied to a system to enforce local traffic laws as explained in the applicant's arguments on pages 8-12 of Paper No. 22

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Eric M Gibson whose telephone number is (703) 306-4545. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (703) 305-8233. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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